

## Supplementary Materials

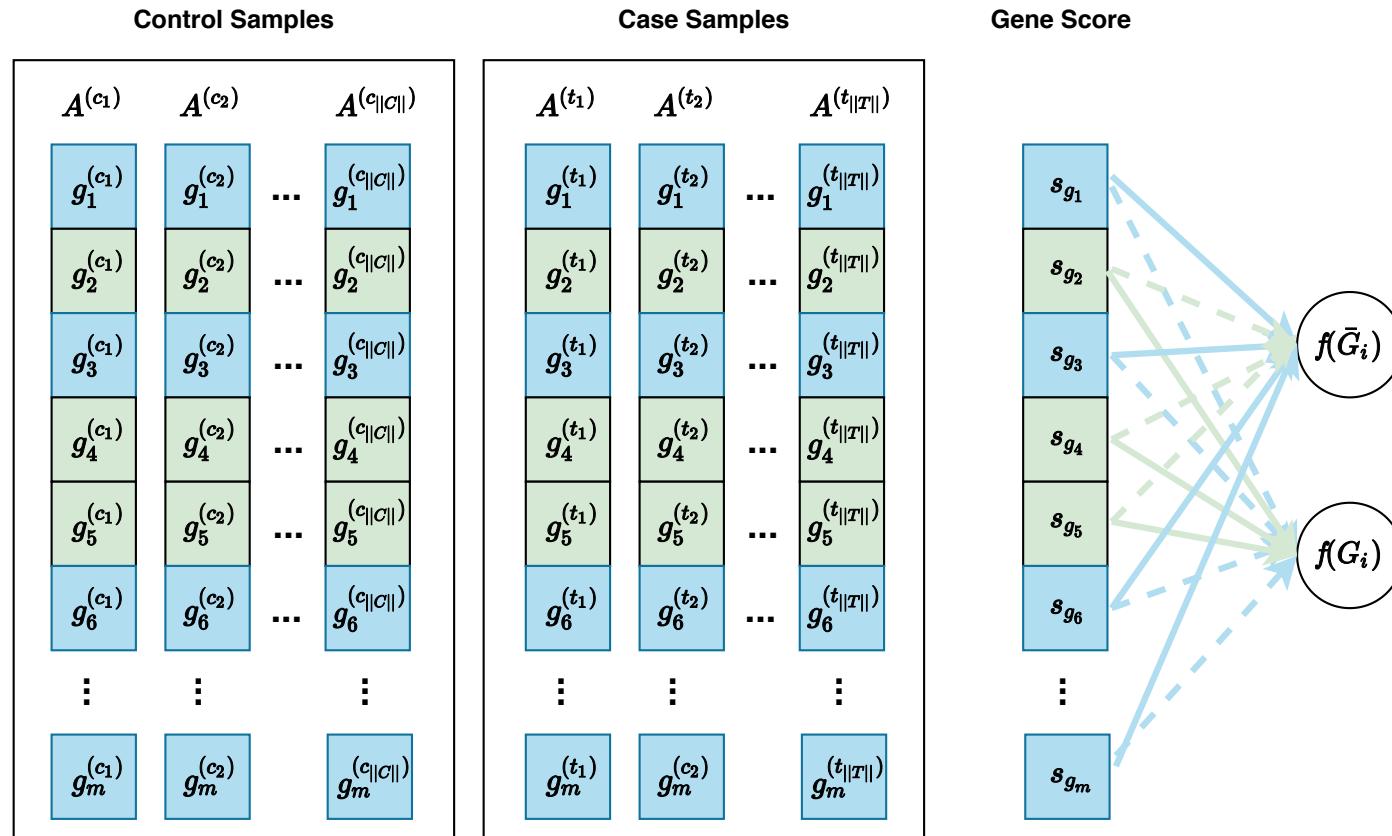


Figure S1: Visualization of gene sampling under the competitive hybrid null hypothesis. The competitive hybrid null hypothesis states that the expression pattern of genes within a gene set is not different from the expression pattern of all genes under study. For example, given a gene set  $G_i$  consisting of three genes  $G_i = \{g_2, g_4, g_5\}$ , the hybrid null hypothesis states that there is no difference in the expression pattern of these genes in comparison to the expression pattern of all genes. In this figure,  $s_{g_i}$  represents the gene score for the gene  $g_i$ . Note that in a hybrid method, the expression values of all genes can contribute to the calculated gene set score  $f(G_i)$ . The contribution of genes in  $G_i$  and genes in  $\bar{G}_i$  are depicted with solid green lines and dashed blue lines, respectively. In calculation of  $f(\bar{G}_i)$ , contribution of genes in  $\bar{G}_i$  and genes in  $G_i$  are depicted with solid blue and dashed green lines, respectively.

Table S1: Gene set analysis implementations and tools ordered by year of publication from oldest to most recent. These tools are categorized into over-representation analysis (ORA) methods, functional scoring (FCS) methods, and topology-based pathway (TP) analysis methods. Note that if a tool has been labeled as “retired”, it is explicitly stated on the website that the tool is no longer supported. All R packages are available through CRAN or Bioconductor.

| Implementations/Tools | ORA | FCS | TP | Reference                       | Availability  |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|----|---------------------------------|---|
| Onto-Express          | *   |     |    | Khatri et al. (2002)            | Not Available   |
| FuncAssociate         | *   |     |    | Berriz et al. (2003)            | <a href="http://llama.mshri.on.ca/funcassociate/">http://llama.mshri.on.ca/funcassociate/</a>   |
| DAVID                 | *   |     |    | Dennis et al. (2003)            | <a href="https://david.ncifcrf.gov/">https://david.ncifcrf.gov/</a>   |
| PANTHER               | *   |     |    | Thomas et al. (2003)            | <a href="http://www.pantherdb.org/">http://www.pantherdb.org/</a>   |
| GoMiner               | *   |     |    | Zeeberg et al. (2003)           | <a href="https://discover.nci.nih.gov/gominer/index.jsp">https://discover.nci.nih.gov/gominer/index.jsp</a> (retired)   |
| GeneMerge             | *   |     |    | Castillo-Davis and Hartl (2003) | <a href="http://www.genemerge.net/">http://www.genemerge.net/</a> (retired)   |
| EASE                  | *   |     |    | Hosack et al. (2003)            | <a href="https://david.ncifcrf.gov/ease/ease1.htm">https://david.ncifcrf.gov/ease/ease1.htm</a>   |
| Global test           |     | *   |    | Goeman et al. (2004)            | globaltest R package  |
| Gostat                | *   |     |    | Beißbarth and Speed (2004)      | <a href="http://gostat.wehi.edu.au/">http://gostat.wehi.edu.au/</a>   |
| GOTM                  | *   |     |    | Zhang et al. (2004)             | Now merged with WebGestalt  |
| FatiGO                | *   |     |    | Al-Shahrour et al. (2004)       | <a href="http://www.babelomics.org">http://www.babelomics.org</a>   |
| CLENCH                | *   |     |    | Shah and Fedoroff (2004)        | <a href="https://web.stanford.edu/~nigam/cgi-bin/dokuwiki/doku.php?id=clench#clench">https://web.stanford.edu/~nigam/cgi-bin/dokuwiki/doku.php?id=clench#clench</a> |
| GOToolBox             | *   |     |    | Martin et al. (2004)            | <a href="https://www.webcitation.org/">https://www.webcitation.org/</a> (retired)   |
| GOSurfer              | *   |     |    | Zhong et al. (2004)             | <a href="http://systemsbio.ucsd.edu/GoSurfer/">http://systemsbio.ucsd.edu/GoSurfer/</a> (retired)   |
| ScorePAGE             |     | *   |    | Rahnenführer et al. (2004)      | Not Available   |
| GSEA                  |     | *   |    | Subramanian et al. (2005)       | <a href="https://www.gsea-msigdb.org/gsea/index.jsp">https://www.gsea-msigdb.org/gsea/index.jsp</a>   |
| SAFE                  |     | *   |    | Barry et al. (2005)             | safe R package  |
| WebGestalt            | *   | *   | *  | Zhang et al. (2005)             | <a href="http://www.webgestalt.org/">http://www.webgestalt.org/</a> or R package  |
| PAGE                  |     | *   |    | Kim and Volsky (2005)           | gage R package  |
| ErmineJ               |     | *   |    | Lee et al. (2005)               | <a href="https://erminej.msl.ubc.ca/">https://erminej.msl.ubc.ca/</a>   |
| BiNGO                 | *   |     |    | Maere et al. (2005)             | Cytoscape Plugin  |
| sigPathway            |     | *   |    | Tian et al. (2005)              | sigpathway R package  |
| PLAGE                 |     | *   |    | Tomfohr et al. (2005)           | GSVA R package  |
| T-Profiler            |     | *   |    | Boorsma et al. (2005)           | <a href="http://www.t-profiler.org/">http://www.t-profiler.org/</a>   |
| GOTEA                 |     |     | *  | Hu et al. (2005)                | <a href="http://visant.bu.edu">http://visant.bu.edu</a>   |
| WEGO                  | *   |     |    | Ye et al. (2006)                | <a href="http://wego.genomics.org.cn/">http://wego.genomics.org.cn/</a>   |
| GOFFA                 | *   |     |    | Sun et al. (2006)               | <a href="http://edkb.fda.gov/webstart/arraytrack/">http://edkb.fda.gov/webstart/arraytrack/</a>   |
| SAM-GS                |     | *   |    | Dimu et al. (2007)              | Excel Ad-in   |
| TAPPA                 |     |     | *  | Gao and Wang (2007)             | ToPASeq R package   |
| Pathway-Express       |     |     | *  | Draghici et al. (2007)          | Not Available   |
| GSA                   |     | *   |    | Efron and Tibshirani (2007)     | GSA R package   |
| Gostats               | *   |     |    | Falcon and Gentleman (2007)     | GOstats R package   |
| Random set            |     | *   |    | Newton et al. (2007)            | allez R package   |
| GOEAST                | *   |     |    | Zheng and Wang (2008)           | Not Available   |
| Ontologizer           | *   |     |    | Bauer et al. (2008)             | <a href="http://ontologizer.de/">http://ontologizer.de/</a>   |

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| MRGSE                 |     | *   |    | Michaud et al. (2008)          | limma R package   |
| CERNO                 |     | *   |    | Yamaguchi et al. (2008)        | <a href="http://tmod.online/">http://tmod.online/</a>   |
| GOrilla               | *   |     |    | Eden et al. (2009)             | <a href="http://cbl-gorilla.cs.technion.ac.il/">http://cbl-gorilla.cs.technion.ac.il/</a>                             |
| GAGE                  |     | *   |    | Luo et al. (2009)              | gage R package  |
| TopGO                 | *   |     |    | Alexa and Rahnenführer (2009)  | topGO R package   |
| SEA                   |     | *   |    | Irizarry et al. (2009)         | Not Available   |
| SEPEA                 |     | *   |    | Thomas et al. (2009)           | Not Available   |
| SSGSEA                |     | *   |    | Barbie et al. (2009)           | GSVA R package  |
| ClueGO                | *   |     |    | Bindea et al. (2009)           | Cytoscape Plugin  |
| MANOVA                |     | *   |    | Tsai and Chen (2009)           | <a href="http://mail.cmu.edu.tw/~catsai/research.htm">http://mail.cmu.edu.tw/~catsai/research.htm</a>                 |
| SPIA                  |     | *   |    | Tarca et al. (2009)            | graphite R package  |
| ROAST                 |     | *   |    | Wu et al. (2010)               | limma R package   |
| DECO                  |     | *   |    | Nam (2010)                     | deco R package  |
| ConceptGen            | *   |     |    | Sartor et al. (2010)           | <a href="http://conceptgen.ncibi.org/">http://conceptgen.ncibi.org/</a> (retired)                                     |
| TopoGSA               |     | *   |    | Glaab et al. (2010)            | <a href="http://www.infobiotics.net/topogsa">http://www.infobiotics.net/topogsa</a>                                   |
| TopologyGSA           |     | *   |    | Massa et al. (2010)            | topologyGSA R package   |
| PWEA                  |     | *   |    | Hung et al. (2010)             | <a href="https://zlab.bu.edu/PWEA/">https://zlab.bu.edu/PWEA/</a>   |
| NetGSA                |     | *   |    | Shojaie and Michailidis (2010) | netgsa R package  |
| ADGO2                 | *   |     |    | Chi et al. (2011)              | <a href="http://www.btool.org/ADGO2">http://www.btool.org/ADGO2</a>   |
| PathOlogist           |     | *   |    | Greenblum et al. (2011)        | Not Available   |
| NOA                   |     | *   |    | Wang et al. (2011)             | Cytoscape plugin  |
| BPA                   |     | *   |    | Isci et al. (2011)             | <a href="http://bioinfo.unl.edu/bpa/">http://bioinfo.unl.edu/bpa/</a>   |
| PADOG                 |     | *   |    | Tarca et al. (2012)            | PADOG R Package   |
| CAMERA                |     | *   |    | Wu and Smyth (2012)            | limma R package   |
| goseq                 | *   |     |    | Young et al. (2012)            | goseq R package   |
| GANPA                 |     | *   |    | Fang et al. (2012)             | GANPA R package   |
| FunWalk               |     | *   |    | Komurov et al. (2012)          | <a href="https://www.netwalkersuite.org/">https://www.netwalkersuite.org/</a>   |
| PRS                   |     | *   |    | Ibrahim et al. (2012)          | ToPASeq R package   |
| CePa                  |     | *   |    | Gu et al. (2012)               | CePa R package  |
| EnrichNet             |     | *   |    | Glaab et al. (2012)            | <a href="http://www.enrichnet.org/">http://www.enrichnet.org/</a> (retired)   |
| NEA                   |     | *   |    | Alexeyenko et al. (2012)       | <a href="http://fafner.meb.ki.se/personal/yudpaw/?page_id=13">http://fafner.meb.ki.se/personal/yudpaw/?page_id=13</a> |
| ACST                  |     | *   |    | Mieczkowski et al. (2012)      | Source code available through Supplementary Material <sup>1</sup>   |
| GSVA                  |     | *   |    | Hänelmann et al. (2013)        | GSVA R package  |
| Graphite Web          |     | *   |    | Sales et al. (2013)            | <a href="https://graphiteweb.bio.unipd.it/">https://graphiteweb.bio.unipd.it/</a>                                     |
| GOMA                  | *   |     |    | Huang et al. (2013)            | Not Available   |
| Clipper               |     | *   |    | Martini et al. (2013)          | clipper R package   |
| Enrichr               | *   |     |    | Chen et al. (2013)             | <a href="https://amp.pharm.mssm.edu/Enrichr/">https://amp.pharm.mssm.edu/Enrichr/</a>                                 |

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|-----------------------|-----|-----|----|---------------------------------|---|
| ROntoTools            |     |     | *  | Voichita and Draghici (2013)    | ROntoTools R package  |
| GSNCA                 |     | *   |    | Rahmatallah et al. (2014, 2017) | GSAR R package  |
| Kiwi                  |     |     | *  | Väremo et al. (2014)            | KiwiDist Python Package   |
| mGSZ                  |     | *   |    | Mishra et al. (2014)            | mGSZ R package  |
| PAEA                  |     | *   |    | Clark et al. (2015)             | <a href="http://amp.pharm.mssm.edu/PAEA/">http://amp.pharm.mssm.edu/PAEA/</a>   |
| ToPASeq               |     |     | *  | Ihnatova and Budinska (2015)    | ToPASeq R package   |
| FRY                   |     | *   |    | Giner and Smyth (2016)          | limma R package   |
| TcGSA                 |     | *   |    | Hejblum et al. (2015)           | TcGSA R package   |
| SGSE                  |     | *   |    | Frost et al. (2015)             | PCGSE R package   |
| DRAGEN                |     |     | *  | Ma et al. (2015)                | <a href="http://bioinfo.au.tsinghua.edu.cn/dragen/">http://bioinfo.au.tsinghua.edu.cn/dragen/</a>                       |
| Weighted-SAMGSR       |     |     | *  | Tian et al. (2016)              | Source code available through Supplementary Material <sup>2</sup>   |
| LEGO                  | *   |     |    | Dong et al. (2016)              | <a href="https://github.com/SherryDong/LEGO">https://github.com/SherryDong/LEGO</a>                                     |
| Cogena                |     | *   |    | Jia et al. (2016)               | cogena R package  |
| GeneAnalytics         | *   |     |    | Ben-Ari Fuchs et al. (2016)     | <a href="https://geneanalytics.genecards.org/">https://geneanalytics.genecards.org/</a>                                 |
| g:Profiler            | *   |     |    | Reimand et al. (2016)           | <a href="https://biit.cs.ut.ee/gprofiler/gost">https://biit.cs.ut.ee/gprofiler/gost</a>                                 |
| EnrichmentBrowser     |     |     | *  | Geistlinger et al. (2016)       | EnrichmentBrowser R package   |
| IGSA                  |     |     | *  | Wu et al. (2016)                | <a href="http://210.46.85.180:8080/IGSAWeb/">http://210.46.85.180:8080/IGSAWeb/</a>                                     |
| BLMA                  |     |     | *  | Nguyen and Draghici (2017)      | BLMA R package  |
| SetRAnk               |     |     | *  | Smillion et al. (2017)          | SetRank R package   |
| Funnel-GSEA           |     |     | *  | Zhang et al. (2017)             | <a href="https://github.com/yunzhang813/FUNNEL-GSEA-R-Package">https://github.com/yunzhang813/FUNNEL-GSEA-R-Package</a> |
| EGSEA                 |     |     | *  | Alhamdoosh et al. (2017)        | EGSEA R package   |
| GSAQ                  | *   |     |    | Das et al. (2018)               | GSAQ R package  |
| singscore             |     | *   |    | Foroutan et al. (2018)          | singscore R package   |
| ShinnyGO              | *   |     |    | Ge and Jung (2018)              | <a href="http://bioinformatics.sdsstate.edu/go/">http://bioinformatics.sdsstate.edu/go/</a>                             |
| SCIA                  |     |     | *  | Li et al. (2019)                | <a href="https://github.com/YiqunLiHIT/SCIA">https://github.com/YiqunLiHIT/SCIA</a>                                     |
| MGSEA                 |     | *   |    | Tiong and Yeang (2019)          | Source code available through Supplementary Material <sup>3</sup>   |
| GSEPD                 |     | *   |    | Stamm et al. (2019)             | rgsepd R package  |
| FunSet                | *   |     | *  | Hale et al. (2019)              | <a href="http://funset.uno">http://funset.uno</a>   |
| gwSPIA                |     |     | *  | Bao et al. (2019)               | gwSPIA R package  |

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